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Assume that in conformity Secretary's report to NATO Council on Meeting decisions Foreign Ministers/all NATO countries actively engaged in presenting Western position on Berlin issue to their own publics through issuance appropriate statements, speeches by key government officials, etc.

Believe most recent actions East German regime resulting in virtually complete severance of communications between Soviet Sector of Berlin and West Berlin introduces new element in Berlin situation which can and should be exploited by West to fullest. It is our belief that all NATO countries should utilize all information media and other channels influence at their disposal to direct attention audiences outside NATO area, particularly in neutral countries, to recent developments East Berlin.

In presenting complete factual account of East Berlin developments media should highlight harsh effects these actions in human terms (i.e., separation of families, denial fundamental human rights of association, choice of place of employment, cutting off of means of support for over 50,000 East Berliners etc.). Obvious consequences should be underscored that flow of refugees to West (over 2.5 million since 1949) which has

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now culminated in closing of Soviet Sector border is dramatic demonstration of complete bankruptcy so-called QUOTE German Democratic Republic END QUOTE and clear proof lack popular support for regime. For additional points to be stressed see PEGASUS CABLE No. 172.

Supplementing action NATO governments USIS will exploit contacts with intellectuals, editors, publishers, labor leaders and other opinion molding groups in non-NATO countries with view increasing awareness ^{East} Berlin developments and, where appropriate, eliciting useful public statements, petitions, etc., protecting actions East German regime taken with Soviet support and approval.

FOR USIS: Aside from bilateral discussions underway between U.S. and some of addressed countries, believe useful for PEGASUS PEP raise in Germany desirability maximum exploitation East Berlin developments by NATO countries.

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